

ACT DISTRICT TESTING

2026-2027 PLANNING GUIDE



ACT continues to offer you flexibility in when and how you offer the ACT to your students, with multiple testing windows and choice of paper-pencil or online testing formats.

The ACT District Testing enrollment deadlines and testing event dates have been released for the 2026-2027 school year. Use these dates below to plan ahead and schedule in-school assessment opportunities for your students.

Test Administration*	Enrollment/Signed Agreement & School List Deadline	Paper Test Event**	Online Test Events
NEW! Initial Fall 2026 Online Only	August 26, 2026	N/A	September 29 - October 2 & October 5-9 (Test Event 1)
Late Fall 2026	August 26, 2026	October 13, 2026 (Test Event 1)	October 13-16 & October 19-23 (Test Event 1)
		October 27, 2026 (Test Event 2)	October 27-30 & November 2-6 (Test Event 2)
Initial Spring 2027 Online Only	January 20, 2027	N/A	February 23-26 & March 1-5 (Test Event 1)
Early Spring 2027 Online & Paper	January 20, 2027	March 9, 2027 (Test Event 1)	March 9-12 & March 15-19 (Test Event 1)
		March 23, 2027 (Test Event 2)	March 23-26 & March 29-April 2 (Test Event 2)
Late Spring 2027 Online & Paper	February 17, 2027	April 6, 2027 (Test Event 1)	April 6-9 & April 12-16 (Test Event 1)
		April 20, 2027 (Test Event 2)	April 20-23 & April 26-30 (Test Event 2)

*Districts may participate in fall and one of three spring administrations.

** Standard Administration (connect with us for more info on accommodation test window dates)



Bookmark this page to see the latest on ACT District Testing. Remember with the enhanced ACT, while English, math, and reading must be completed in one sitting, flexible ACT testing policies allow breaks before science and/or writing, helping students recharge and perform their best.

